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My dearest Lizzy,

We have not yet
got over the dancing of the heart oc-
casioned by the news of your coming —
with my son & my grandson & grand-
daughters. I wrote to you a long & more
amusing letter than common last week
— "pages upon pages," by the way of "Wook-
wimberland" — via Anne, that is, &
so it is not my fault that you did
not hear from me. As she tells me
she did not send it for the reason
that I mentioned having heard of
Lady Augusta who had been to see H.
Macheneau at A. M. (A. M. M. M.). I have
said — "I would not send it Mamma!
for it would be an insult to Lizzy, to
send a letter mentioning H. M. who
has insulted Lizzy B." You may
judge from this how high party
spirit runs here. A particular class
of Minds, — minds in which the
emotional & imaginative prevails great-
ly over the judicial faculties, are in
a peculiar & special way upset.
Wendell & Garrison & Thompson &
all the friends each suffer, — & it does
seem as if Wendell was bent upon

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Cast down the Lincoln Administration by impeachment, & that because of the amnesty offered to states that are willing to return immediately on condition of returning as free states, slavery being prohibited forever. I differ in judgment, but I am not only willing he should express his sense of the necessity of impeaching the honesty of the government — (see his resolutions offered over the heads of the business Committee) but I am anxious that he should say on his own responsibility, all he thinks, & all he feels. I do not feel "mutter" because he differs from me in opinion. I do not even see any necessity of agreeing with him. Caroline & Anne, I learn in town, struggle with him — in vain. I am sorry he is as he is. — but why not let every body

of such age & experience, act
or speak freely? - Why hate, or be
sorry, that another cannot
think as we do? - These are the
conditions of life. & Wendell's la-
bour against Lincoln will pro-
cure more votes for him than
it will deprive him of. I think
Lincoln better than any
other name wh, because, to
a progressive domestic policy, he
adds a friendly foreign one.

Of Slavery, like the measles in
Miss Lavinia's book, we may
say that the dregs are as bad as
the disease. These dregs in both
Northern & Southern mind
are shown by the methods used.
"Bully" is the word, with such a
like "We must bully the South!" -
(this Wendell said to me.) From the
South is an overtasked poor servant,
fain to do our bidding, & I shall

leave the Bullying to others to do.
It looks to me neither judicious, nor
right; nor likely to be successful either
at home or abroad, in the most
most healthy way. A stab may
open and embroil me & so save
a life, but I shall not go about
stabbing every puffed-up thing
I see, for all that. The Surgeon
will do it better. All these
considerations are not matters of pri-
vate friendship. They are questions
of public policy, - up "before all
Israel & the Sun" - & I can't
possibly think people suffer on their
out of spite or insult to me. So
I counsel you to feel Garrison
talks as I do. Don't hate him
for it. H. Martineau is a believer
in the ultimate truth of a Military
Method, while we are non-resistance.
We do not hate her for it. She
thinks Wendell (so Caroline tells
me,) a demagogue. I, knowing

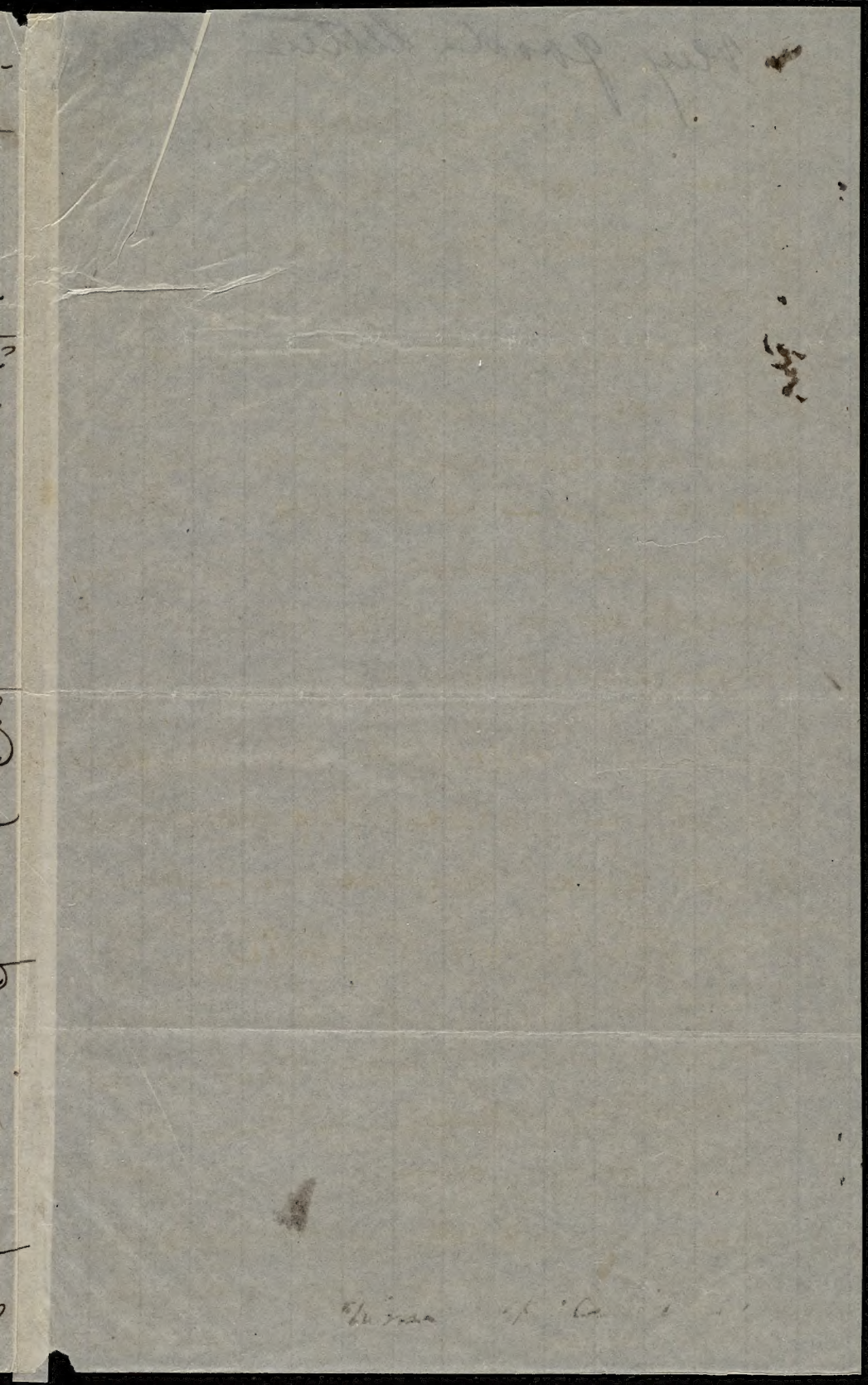
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have personally, think him
merely weakly mistaken, & used
by demagogues. Garrison is
obliged to think so too, & while feeling
as if he had a heart of gold, sees
that he is used by inferior men.
"So trying to suit them." No need
to hate any body in all this.
Facts are facts. A man in
the position of a demagogue
being judged as a demagogue,
or in the position of a traitor
being judged as one, or being even
judged mistakenly to be in that
or any other position, - why
should I fret & fume about it?
I do not hate people that don't
love my friends. Why should they
hate me, for persisting to love
my friends as long as I see cause?
I think of this freely as a
matter of general principle:
For in time of civil war

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hated is the thing to be eschew-
ed. Do you think we can
ever have a ^{union} ~~union~~ of arms,
if the clearest & most united
families ^{all on the same side} are estranged for dif-
ferences of judgement & conduct?
— I would hear each other speak?

I at least resolve never to
abridge my own speech nor
choke down another's. That he
differs from me, constitutes his
claim. So much I write
though I have twice yielded
to the passionate interference
of others, lest you & I dear
Lizzy, should become estranged
through this indulgence of hatred
around us. I remember Py-
thagoras — good old soul —
who says, — "in time of civil
war, go into retirement if you
are wise." I can feel my



Very good letter

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Counsel without either violence
or passion, interference or ob-
tusion. Nor should I write to you
any more than to Anne,
after learning from you that
you did not want to hear from
me as I am, — I not made
up into a false appearance. Nor
that I suppose her to be involved in
such a poor way, — only, being
excited, she did not want to cool.
I shall pin her where she light-
ed, but leave her free to change
her position without wronging her
or any body.

Well — to back to
the Iron Mill. I told you he
made a gentlemanly one. — in
1847 — Clarke cannot named
Executor. A third of all —
personal & real, to his wife, —
the remainder divided between
the six children, each to have
half its portion at Marriage or
Majority, — the other half left in trust

Will 40 years old. It is a great
fortune, & the family all
seem calmly composed under
their affliction - a shock of
the shadow of a life & a death
at one call it. The Anniver-
sary of their wedding day com-
ing round, Plectkowski gave
Effie a lovely basket of
flowers, with two gold Spanish
Bees, (carrings, at the juncture
of the handle, & on the top a
brooch, - a giant bee, with move-
able wings, which sliding aside,
showed an enamel of the
Baby. It is a pretty little thing,
the Baby, I can creep. I heard
Thompson, before 4000 people,
on the rebellion. I was satisfied
with him, though I have not
yet seen him to know more
particularly what his views are.
But Bella & Caroline have

gone in to night to be present
at "the reception" — ^{Called by}
Andrew, Saml^l Ward, ^{John Forbes} Martin
Pimmner, ^{Joseph Linnay} Amos Lawrence
Of the rest, of that ilk —
all abolitionists now. I said
to Bella, getting into the carriage —
"Give my love to George & tell
him I was much pleased with
his lecture." "I will not. I don't
know whether or no he made
a fool of himself or not." "No
need, for I, knowing he did well,
only send a message to say I was
was pleased." But she would not.
This is another instance of this
tightening of the screws that despotism
delights in, & which families should
not manage in. It is not the way
I act. When people ask me
what I think of our foot?
I reply, tardily, they have done
right. to the same question as to the
Eng. foot, the same answer, tardily

tried, but do not trouble yourself. My former parent

they have done right. But as
the London atmosphere
you must ask my sister
who have found it as bad as
possible." Then if they think
the British foot and "break the
blockade" & "interfere" & "acknow-
ledge the confederacy" to let the cotton
go to them to say so, & I do
not wish them to suppress their
convictions or dislike them for
expressing them.

Enough. I speak
as to a wise woman.
Don't hate nor be incensed
with the terms of hatred - for
now is the time to embrace
as between ^{these two} ~~Kanawakey~~ & not
to repair whatever the past
may have been.

Well my infant
good bye for to day. Let me
hear from you if you have